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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ROANOKE DIVISION

BRADLEY EUGENE MCCRACKEN,
Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. 7:23 -cv-00752

v.

SGT. CARTER, et al.,
Defendant(s).

OPINION and ORDER

By: Robert S. Ballou
United States District Judge

Plaintiff, proceeding *pro se*, filed a civil rights complaint, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, while incarcerated. By its Orders entered November 17, 2023, and November 20, 2023, the court advised plaintiff that a failure to update a mailing address after a transfer or release from incarceration will result in dismissal of this action.

The court's mail to plaintiff has been returned as undeliverable, and plaintiff has not contacted the court since January 4, 2024. Plaintiff failed to comply with the court's Orders requiring plaintiff to maintain an accurate mailing address. Therefore, the court finds that plaintiff failed to prosecute this action, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b), by not complying with the court's prior Orders. *See Ballard v. Carlson*, 882 F.2d 93, 96 (4th Cir. 1989) (stating *pro se* litigants are subject to time requirements and respect for court orders and dismissal is an appropriate sanction for non-compliance); *Donnelly v. Johns-Manville Sales Corp.*, 677 F.2d 339, 340-41 (3d Cir. 1982) (recognizing a district court may sua sponte dismiss an action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b)). Accordingly, this action is **DISMISSED without prejudice**, all pending motions are **DENIED** as moot, and this matter is **STRICKEN** from the docket of this court.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to the parties.

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/s/ Robert S. Ballou

Robert S. Ballou
United States District Judge